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Applicant Review Panel
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RE: New reports released on applicants after the written public comment deadline

Dear Applicant Review Panel:

On behalf of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund, I am writing to request that the Applicant Review Panel reopen the written comment period for Redistricting Commission applicants to enable the public to review and comment on newly released reports about the applicants. The NALEO Educational Fund is the leading organization that facilitates full Latino participation in the American political process.

We have learned that new reports concerning applicants were released after the close of the September 18 written public comment deadline. The information in these reports is relevant to the qualifications of applicants. It is therefore important that members of the public have a meaningful opportunity to review and comment as needed on this new information.

We respectfully request the Applicant Review Panel reopen the written comment period to September 25, and refrain from eliminating any applicants from the pool until it has reviewed all comments received during that period. This will give members of the public opportunity to review and submit comment based on the most recent information. Additionally, this action will ensure continued public trust in the open and transparent process the Applicant Review Panel has conducted to date.

Sincerely,

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